

Congressman Danny K. Davis

Virtual Workshop:

Community Project Funding FY23





Q: What is Community Project Funding?

A:

- When Congress directs funds under an existing federal program for activities to a specific state or local government or to an eligible non-profit recipient. These sometimes are called “earmarks.”
- The entity receiving project funding must meet all requirements of the federal funding except for competition.
- The funding is for ONE YEAR only.
- Funding likely not available till summer 2023.



Q: Who Can Apply for Community Project Funding?

A: To receive CPF funding from Rep. Davis, an organization or entity must be located in the Illinois 7th Congressional District. On occasion, Rep. Davis may select an entity that serves a large number of his constituents even though it is located in a different District.

An organization must be a 501(c)(3) non-profit.



Q: What Can I Use Community Project Funds for?

A: There are 53 funding accounts available for CPF requests covering many different types of activities.

For Rep. Davis, most requests are for:

- **Health or mental health services, including some funds for construction or renovation;**
- **Out-of-school or higher education programming; or**
- **Community safety.**
- **Unfortunately, no juvenile justice programs – can do mental health or programs with police departments.**



Q: Can I Use Community Project Funding for Construction or Renovation Expenses?

A: Yes! There are 2 accounts that allow some capital/renovation expenses.

1. LHHS/Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)

- **Health facilities construction, renovation, or capital equipment for health, mental health, or substance abuse services, health professional training, or medical research.**

2. THUD/Economic Development Initiative

- **Economic and community development activities (land acquisition, construction/rehabilitation) allowed under the Community Development Block Grant Program.**



Q: What Account is for HEALTH SERVICES?

A: Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)

- **For?** Health facilities construction, renovation, or capital equipment for health, mental health, or substance abuse services, health professional training, medical research, or architectural/engineering costs.
- **Who is Eligible?** Hospitals, health centers/clinics; skilled nursing facilities; mental health centers; schools of medicine, nursing, or health professions, and medical laboratories.
- **Limits?** Can't be used to acquire land or purchase buildings, to pay salaries or operating costs, for prior completed work, or for general feasibility studies.
- **Amounts?** FY22, \$100k-\$2 million (multi-member up to \$4 mil)



Q: What Are the 4 Key Accounts for SOCIAL SERVICES?

**A1: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Admin. (SAMHSA)
– Health Surveillance and Program Support Account**

- **For?** Prevention, harm reduction, treatment, or recovery support. Examples
 - ✓ Evidence-based SUD, mental health, or harm reduction treatment
 - ✓ Crisis services, suicide prevention
 - ✓ Recovery support, screening and assessment, referrals, education, training, medications, hiring of behavioral health providers.
- **Limits?** Inpatient treatment or hospital-based detox; direct payments to individuals to participate; food; research projects; construction (although some very limited renovation may be allowed).
- **Amounts?** \$100k-\$2 million for FY22



Q: What Are the 4 Accounts for SOCIAL SERVICES?

A2: Children & Families Services - Child Abuse Prevention

- **For?** To improve the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect through research, model service improvement, information dissemination, and TA. Must service or target children and families who are at risk or who have experienced child abuse or neglect.
- **Limits?** No construction or renovation facilities.
- **Amounts?** \$100k-\$2 million; typical past amounts about \$250,000



Q: What Are the 4 Accounts for SOCIAL SERVICES?

**A3: Children & Families Services – Social Services
Research and Demonstration**

- **For?** To promote the ability of families to thrive through financial self-sufficiency in order to prevent and reduce poverty and to promote healthy development and greater well-being of children and families.
- **Limits?** No construction or renovation facilities.
- **Amounts?** \$100k-\$2 million, most likely a few hundred thousand



Q: What Are the 4 Accounts for SOCIAL SERVICES?

A4: Administration for Community Living – Aging and Disability Services Account

- **For?** To improve or create new opportunities for older adults, people of all ages with disabilities, and their eligible family caregivers to live independently and participate fully in their communities. Should be used to improve access to, or quality of, education, health services, training, support services, and independent living services.
- **Limits?** No construction or renovation facilities.
- **Amounts?** \$100k-\$2 million, most likely a few hundred thousand



Q: What Are the 2 Accounts for EDUCATION?

A1: Elementary & Secondary Ed (k-12) – Innovation & Improvement

- **For?** Instructional services, afterschool centers, curricula development, teacher training, buying books/computers, arts education, social/emotional learning, full-service community schools, early childhood education, and special education services. May include early intervention and transition services.
- **Who?** SEAs, LEAs, colleges/universities, and public/nonprofit entities.
- **Limits?** No construction or renovation (except minor remodeling w/ new tech); no child care or day care without educational services.
- **Amounts?** \$100k-\$2 million, most likely a few hundred thousand



Q: What Are the 2 Accounts for EDUCATION?

A2: Higher Education – Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)

- **For?** Focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education. Examples: hire and train faculty; establish and improve degree programs; improve teacher prep programs; develop/improve curricula; upgrade technology/telecom; acquire science lab equipment; provide student support; implement university partnerships with LEAs; and establish research and training centers.
- **Who?** Colleges and universities, maybe public/private nonprofit organizations.
- **Limits?** No construction or renovation (except minor remodeling w/ new tech).
- **Amounts?** \$100k-\$2 million, most likely a few hundred thousand



Q: What Is the Account for COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT?

A: HUD/Economic Development Initiative

- **For?** Economic and community development activities (land acquisition, construction/rehabilitation) allowed under the Community Development Block Grant Program. This is a LONG list.
- **Who?** Must be administered by governmental or nonprofit entities, including public housing agencies.
- **Limits?** No reimbursement of prior expenses, no operating expenses for fire or police stations.
- **Amounts?** FY22 Average award \$1.5 million.



Q: How Do I Know What Account to Apply to So That I know What Activities to Include?

A: Ask Jill.

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My job it to help you. I will share with you the key requirements for each account and give you some specific questions that I'll need you to answer.



Q: How Do I Apply for Community Project Funding?

A:

1. **Now** – Fill out the CPF Form on Rep. Davis's House Website. This lets us know you are interested. Don't worry. We will help you modify your project for the best chance of being selected.

<https://davis.house.gov/services/congressman-daviss-fy-2023-appropriations-requests>

2. **Now** – Check with Jill to make sure you know what account you will apply to and so you know what activities are allowed. This way your letters of support only address allowable activities.
3. **Now** – Ask community stakeholders for letters of support.
4. **DEADLINE – April 12th!**



Q: What Tips Do You Have?

A1:

- Answer the questions to convince people who **do not know your organization** that your project is a good use of taxpayer funds bc it will help people. Ultimately, the Appropriations Committee decides which projects get funded, and it focuses on projects that benefit communities.
- **Be concise.** I only have a few paragraphs to capture the importance of your project. Please do not send multiple pages. Help me by pulling out **the most important facts** that show who/how your project helps people.
- **Explain your other funding sources** or how you will limit services if you do not receive all the funding you requested. How will you continue the program after the 1 year? What will you do if you do not receive all the funding? Have you successfully executed other government grants?



Q: What Tips Do You Have?

A2:

- Make sure that the activities you describe and list in your budget are allowable under the account you're applying to.
- Make sure to have a **realistic time frame** for the funding. Given that funds won't come until about summer 2023, frame your project for that time (e.g., not pandemic, not if project will be completed before \$\$ comes).
- Make sure that you only apply for funds that you truly can use the way you say. We want your organization to successfully use federal funding because this helps you get grants in the future. If you do not use the funds according to the use of funds, you will have to pay them back. For example, Department of Labor grants have a few very specific requirements that are barriers to entities.



Q: How Do I Show I Have Community Support?

A: The Appropriations Committee listed 5 key ways:

1. Letters of support from elected officials or community partners;
Principles, churches, mayors, aldermen – NOT other representatives
2. Press articles highlighting the need for the project;
3. Support from editorial boards;
4. Projects listed on state intended use plans, community development plans, or other publicly-available planning documents; or
5. Resolutions passed by city councils or boards.



Q: Should I Apply to the IL Senators for Community Project Funding?

A: YES!

The House and Senate project funding processes and deadlines are different. To give yourself the BEST chance of being selected, please contact both Senators to ask about their procedures and deadlines.



Q: What Happens after I Submit a Request for Community Project Funding?

A: Reminder: Deadline for requests is **APRIL 12th, 2022.**

- Rep. Davis receives hundreds of requests, and he must recommend at most 15 entities to put forward by the end of April.
- Hopefully, by **August 2022**, the House Appropriations Committee will release the projects that it supports for Community Project Funding.
- We wait for the final Appropriations bill to come out, typically **December.**
- WARNING – a project can pass in a House Appropriations bill but then get dropped or cut in the final bill.
- WARNING – if a complete funding bill does not pass into law, that is, if the government is funded under a continuing resolution – there are no projects.



Additional Questions?

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